

30th Anniversary of the Oncology Nursing Society.

As co-chair of the Senate Cancer Coalition, I would like to recognize that oncology nurses play an important and essential role in providing quality, comprehensive cancer care. These nurses are principally involved in the administration and monitoring of chemotherapy and the associated side-effects patients experience. As anyone ever treated for cancer—or who has a loved one who has been treated—will tell you, oncology nurses provide quality clinical, psychosocial and supportive care to patients and their families. In short, they are integral to our Nation's cancer care delivery system.

The Oncology Nursing Society is the largest organization of oncology health professionals in the world, with more than 31,000 registered nurses and other health care professionals. Since 1975, the Oncology Nursing Society has been dedicated to excellence in patient care, teaching, research, administration and education in the field of oncology. The Society's mission is to promote excellence in oncology nursing and quality cancer care.

The Oncology Nursing Society has 19 chapters in my home State of California, which support our oncology nurses in their ongoing efforts to provide outstanding quality cancer care to patients and their families throughout our State.

Cancer is a complex, multifaceted and chronic disease. Each year in the United States, approximately 1.37 million people are diagnosed with cancer, another 570,000 lose their battles with this terrible disease, and more than 8 million Americans count themselves among a growing community known as cancer survivors.

In 2005, the American Cancer Society estimates that in the State of California there will be 135,030 new cancer diagnoses, and 56,090 cancer deaths. At the same time, in 2005, the Health Resources and Services Administration, HRSA, estimates that in the State of California there will be a shortage of 18,409 nurses or a ten percent unmet need for nurses overall.

We must do more as a Nation to prevent and reduce suffering from cancer and to support the oncology nursing workforce.

Every day, oncology nurses see the pain and suffering caused by cancer and understand the physical, emotional, and financial challenges that people with cancer face throughout their diagnosis and treatment.

Over the last ten years, the setting where treatment for cancer is provided has changed dramatically. An estimated 80 percent of all cancer patients receive care in community settings, including cancer centers, physicians' offices, and hospital outpatient departments. Oncology nurses are involved in the care of a cancer patient from the beginning through the end of treatment, and they are the front-line providers of care by administering chemo-

therapy, managing patient therapies and side-effects, and providing counseling to patients and family members.

I thank all of our Nation's oncology nurses for their dedication to our Nation's cancer patients, especially those who care for cancer patients in California. I commend the Oncology Nursing Society for all of its efforts and leadership over the last 30 years and congratulate its leaders and members on its 30th Anniversary. The Oncology Nursing Society has contributed immensely to the quality and accessibility of care for all cancer patients and their families, and I urge my colleagues to support the Society and oncology nurses in their important endeavors.●

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN ED WILLOUGHBY

● Mr. SHELBY. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend who recently retired after three decades on the radio. John Ed Willoughby, who has been a familiar voice on WAPI-AM 1070s morning talk-radio show, "The Breakfast Club," signed off on April 15, 2005. John Ed's last day on the air was the 30th anniversary of his first day on the air: April 15, 1975. Over the years, I had many opportunities to join John Ed on the air, and I always appreciated his candid, honest, and humorous demeanor.

John Ed was born February 3, 1935, in Birmingham, AL. He attended West End High School, where he excelled on the athletic field as quarterback of the football team, and captain of the baseball and basketball teams.

He attended the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, which is where our friendship began. We met as students at the University of Alabama, and it was there that we both served as members of the Delta Chi fraternity.

His radio career began in 1975 on WSGN radio with cohost Tommy Charles. The duo was an instant success and became Birmingham's top rated radio morning show for 8½ years. John Ed and Tommy then moved to WVOK-AM/WQUS-FM for a short time before going to WERC radio in 1985. They were a talk radio force to be reckoned with, remaining No. 1 in Birmingham, until Tommy's passing in 1996. Following Tommy's death, Doug Layton joined John Ed and they stayed on the air until February of 1998. In June of 1998, John Ed joined his son, J Willoughby and Scott Michaels for a morning show devoted to talk radio on WAPI-AM called "The Breakfast Club." He would finish out his career at WAPI.

I have had the pleasure of being interviewed by John Ed numerous times over the years. Whether it was in-studio in Birmingham, in Washington during one of his visits, or over the phone, John Ed has been informative and fair. His listeners could count on a funny and enlightening show every morning.

John Ed is blessed with a wonderful family. I suspect that his newfound free time will give him the opportunity to enjoy more time with his wife Jean, son J, daughter-in-law Kim and granddaughter Samantha Jean. Incidentally, J Willoughby has assumed the reins from his father, and is on the air with Richard Dixon.

John Ed has been a great friend to me and a familiar and loyal voice to so many in Alabama. He will be greatly missed by his devoted listeners, but I am certain they join me in wishing him the very best as he embarks on many new endeavors.●

#### IN RECOGNITION OF DR. PAUL W. DOERRER

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, it is a privilege today to bring to the attention of my colleagues the accomplishments of Dr. Paul W. Doerr, the 2005 recipient of the Missouri Association of School Administrators' Robert L. Pearce Award. The Pearce Award is the most prestigious honor that can be bestowed on a school superintendent in the State of Missouri, particularly so because the honoree is selected by a committee of peers.

The Ritenour School District in St. Louis County has been fortunate to have the leadership skills of Dr. Doerr for the past 35 years. The Missouri Legislature and State board of education were in the forefront and enacted standards-based education long before the passage of No Child Left Behind. In fact, the standards set in Missouri are among the highest in the Nation. Under the able instructional leadership of Dr. Doerr, the Ritenour School District has not only met but in many cases has exceeded the rigorous goals our State has set for student achievement of adequate yearly progress. In addition, under Dr. Doerr's able leadership, the Ritenour School District was recently named as one of the "Best Places to Work" by the St. Louis Business Journal.

Dr. Doerr has truly exemplified instructional leadership in our State. Whether it is staff development, instructional technology, human resources, or data driven decision-making, Dr. Doerr has provided the vision and energy that has brought distinction to the Ritenour School District. It is with admiration that I honor Dr. Doerr today and congratulate him as the 19th recipient of the Robert L. Pearce Award.●

#### ATTACHÉ SHOW CHOIR

● Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, the Attaché Show Choir from Clinton High School in Clinton, MS, is celebrating 25 years of excellence and has gained national recognition as the premier show choir in the country for its outstanding winning tradition. The Clinton High School Attaché Show Choir was formed in September 1980 by Winona Costello. Since 1992, the award winning Attaché